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My name is Debbie Weber; I am a Registered Nurse and an Administrator for a Health care company.

I have several questions that I would like to address that I was unable to find answers to in the Environmental Impact Statement.

- 1 1. As a Healthcare Professional I would like to know what provisions have been made to equip the medical community, not only in Nevada, but the other 43 states along the Transportation route, to handle a radioactive hazard waste accident?

- Will the DOE train the appropriate medical staff to respond to such an emergency?
- Who will incur the cost of such training?
- Who will be responsible for the cost of medical treatment of any victims?
- How will these people who are exposed to nuclear waste be compensated for time lost from work?
- In the event of a terminal illness, as a result of the nuclear accident, who would be responsible for retitribution to the families?

- 2 2. The truck transportation route involves a number of different states.

- These trucks will be parked overnight at some motel, what provisions are being made to ensure that no one will be able to tamper with the trailers carrying the nuclear waste?
- Who is responsible for the cost of upgrades for these highways?
- Who will incur the cost of damage done to roads and bridges?

- 3 In regards to rail transportation there are several Intermodal Transfer Stations to be built in Nevada. I assume that the DOE would be responsible for the cost, if not who would be?

- 4 3. I realize that Yucca Mountain is the only location to be looked at for a Repository Site. It would appear to me that with all of the technology in this country an alternative to disposal could be developed.

Has the DOE investigated an alternative plan other than a repository?

- 5 The NEPA states that there needs to be a reasonable alternative. The No Action Alternative is not reasonable and gentleman it is not doable. I suggest that the waste be kept at the site of production until there is a better solution.

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